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Frye Continues to Push for Open Government at City Hall

Pushes for Removal of Obstructionist Pension Board President

San Diego, CA- Today, Councilmember Donna Frye voted to remove board President Peter Preovolos as a member of the San Diego City Employees Retirement System (SDCERS) board.

Frye believes that Preovolos has not met his fiduciary duty as a trustee of the SDCERS board by failing to completely waive attorney-client privilege over documents sought by investigating agencies. The SDCERS financial statements for 2003 and 2004 failed to include an illegal acts investigation. This investigation was critical for ensuring that the audited financial reports for the retirement system are accurate and properly reflect the financial condition of the retirement system.

"Removing Mr. Preovolos from the pension board is critical to creating a situation that fosters much needed cooperation between the SDCERS Board, investigating agencies and the City," stated Frye. "I maintain my belief that the SDCERS Board must completely waive attorney-client privilege over documents sought by all investigating agencies, including the City Attorney. The public and the media have a right to view these documents."

Despite the fact that the City Council deadlocked (3-3) on the issue to remove Preovolos, Frye remains optimistic. "With the change in leadership at City Hall," Frye said, "we are making real progress in instituting fiscal reform and restoring our financial health. We are committed to turning this City around and making San Diegans proud and confident in their City again."

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